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Project RETURN's 11th Annual Golf Outing to be held June 11, 2019

In just a few short months Project RETURN will be hosting our 10th Annual Golf Outing. We have been blessed to see this event grow every year.

This year's event will again be held at Western Lakes Golf Club (W287 N1963 Oakton Road) in Pewaukee, WI. The event will start at 8:00 am with a shotgun start with a meal to follow catered by Saz's.

Donation of \$100/person includes:

- Golf Fees with Cart
- Catered Buffet Lunch
- Locker Room Facilities Available
- Driving Range Opens at 7:00 am
- Prizes & Golf Awards
- Par 3 events
- Continental Breakfast
- Beer & Soda sold on the Course
- Raffle Prizes to be Won

If you are interested in registering a foursome please fill out this form and send your check payable to Project RETURN in the enclosed envelope. We hope to see you there!

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In Memoriam: Elijah O'Neal, Founding Member of Project RETURN



Elijah, Front Center, with William Harrell, Thelma Murphy and Rodney Evans

I met Mr. O'Neal while I was still doing prison time at Felmers Chaney Correctional Center located in Milwaukee on 29th and Fond du Lac Ave. I had signed up for church service at the Center. Local Churches would pick up inmates and transport them to their services. I would tease my fellow inmates because they were all being picked up in vans and Hondas while I was riding in a Lincoln Town Car. I still smile when I think of it.

Once we headed for church, Mr. O'Neal would always like clockwork say, "William, when you are released you have to stop in at Project RETURN." I heard this every time I sat in his car. Every Time!

He also talked about the history of Project RETURN and how it started at Cross Lutheran Church. The founders were Elijah O'Neal, Pircilla Franklin, Pastor Joe and Joyce Ellwanger. This is where I found out my aunt Pircilla helped start Project RETURN. And today I am a Board Member!

Father Elijah, as he was affectionately referred to by Pastor Dr. Westly Carter and the Congregation of New Restoration Christian Church, also helped me with the vision God gave me while I was still incarcerated. He told me to hang in there, prison ministry is ordained by God. And what God Ordains, He will maintain. Today, with the guidance of Sharon McMurry, the outreach programs and family house of the Table of the Saints, an organization founded by the spirit of Father Elijah, is thriving as a servant leader organization.

All in all, after our 2nd year as an organization, Project RETURN presented the Table of the Saints with the Elijah O'Neal Award of Excellence. At the event, Father Elijah presented the award to our organization. I am forever grateful that God sent his angel Father Elijah to be my teacher, guide and mentor. May God bless you and I thank Him for the time He shared his child Elijah O'Neal with me.

Forever in His Service,

Minister William Harrell

MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM: 2018-2019 INTERNS

Ed de St. Aubin, Ph.D. Internship Director

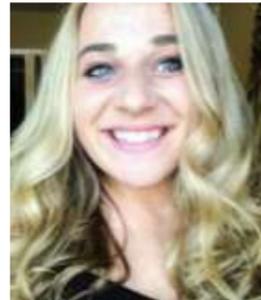
The 2018-19 academic year marks the 6th cohort of Marquette University Psychology department interns being placed at Project Return and two of its partnering non-profits: EXPO and Table of the Saints. The interns have worked hard to help their mentors achieve the agency's missions and have engaged in a wide variety of experiences. These include staffing in-prison job fairs and spending a day painting the front porch of the Booth Family house, a transitional residence for returning citizens that is managed by TOS.

The interns are also reading Bruce Western's book *HOMEWARD*, that tracks the victories and struggles of over 100 men and women for one year after their release from prison. Discussions of the book are facilitated by me and Rodney Evans, PR Board President who was formerly incarcerated, and Pastor Christa Fisher, who has extensive experience with prison ministry.

Please feel free to contact Ed de St. Aubin if you have any comments or questions about the internship

Alex Miceli

I am a junior at Marquette University, double majoring in psychology and social welfare & justice. I am currently working with Brian at Project RETURN which has given me many amazing opportunities in a short time. Since starting the internship, I have had the opportunity to do case-managing one-on-one with clients, weekly community outreach at Redeemer Lutheran Church, attend and participate in the "Racial Inequality, Poverty, and Criminal Justice" Conference, visited a prison resource fair and be a guest on the EXPO radio show. This internship has opened my eyes to the issues of mass incarceration and recidivism, creating a strong passion for this work. I am so unbelievably thankful for all of the staff at Project Return, for allowing me to have this incredible experience to grow as a student and a person. In the future, I hope to have a career in social work or criminal justice in some capacity.



Katie Schulz

My name is Katie and I am a junior studying at Marquette University. I am majoring in psychology and political science with a focus in American Politics. As an intern at Project RETURN, I have participated in the planning and organization of many events including our annual gala. I have attended job fairs at correctional facilities and watched as my mentor, Amanda Smit, has encouraged individuals to reach their fullest potential after incarceration. I've worked one-on-one with clients and even had the chance to meet with clients on my own. I am incredibly grateful for the opportunities that Marquette University and Project RETURN has offered me through this internship and hope to continue volunteering at this amazing organization after this year.



Alex Cormier

My name is Alexandra Cormier. I am from Boston, Massachusetts, and I am a psychology major at Marquette University. I wanted to be a part of this program in order to learn more about mass incarceration and the effect it has on communities like Milwaukee. Currently, I am interning for EXPO (Ex-Incarcerated People Organizing), and one of my major projects is developing a printed and digital newsletter so that people who want to know more about EXPO's mission, goals, and projects will have quick and easy reference material.



Sara Riegler

I am a junior at Marquette University majoring in criminology & law studies and Spanish language, literature, & culture. As Wendel's intern at Project RETURN, I have learned a lot and seen the real-life side of things that I had only ever read about in textbooks. During my time here, I have gone along with Wendel to a grant proposal meeting, assisted and attended the annual gala, visited a prison resource fair, taken part in an artistic diversionary program meeting, participated in a reentry simulation, and helped facilitate our women's support group every week. I feel grateful to the organization and Marquette University for endorsing an internship that pushes its students so far out of our comfort zones so that we are able to learn meaningful life lessons. And while I still don't know what it is that I want to do when I grow up, I thank Project RETURN for teaching me so much about the criminal justice system, corrections, and life in general.



Libby Sullivan

I am a senior studying both psychology and anthropology at Marquette University. With these two focuses of study, I hope to continue my education next year to receive a master's-level degree in counseling psychology and eventually work for my Ph.D. in counseling psychology. Within this internship, I have been working at Project R.E.T.U.R.N. with Teri Woodley. Though I have had the opportunity to work on several different projects, my favorites have been working with client intake, organizing the clothing closet, and visiting Taycheedah Correctional. This internship has proved to be a great learning experience for me. Learning has become a constant part of this internship for me and I cannot wait to gain more thought-provoking experiences.



Makayla Bradley

I am a senior at Marquette University majoring in Psychology and minoring in culture, health & illness and health studies. After graduation, I plan to obtain a second bachelor's degree in nursing specializing in mental health. As Sharon intern at Table of the Saints Inc., I have learned so much about addiction, drugs and mental health issues and how it affects formerly incarcerated individuals. I work primarily on advertising upcoming important events through various social media outlets and helping facilitate monthly community discussions. I also have completed service work at the family sober living house. I am extremely privileged to be a part of such a wonderful nonprofit faith-based organization. I have gained so much knowledge and autonomy from this internship thus far.



Maddie Rea

I am a Sophomore at Marquette University majoring in Psychology and minoring in Fine arts and Spanish. As Andre's intern at Project RETURN, I have gotten the opportunity to learn more the process of reentry, and the tools available to those in need. Throughout the year, I have visited a prison resource fair, participated in a reentry simulation, transported physical intake forms to an online spreadsheet, and attended the yearly gala. I believe this internship has allowed me to grow both personally and academically, and thank both Project RETURN and Marquette University for this incredible experience.

